

Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method, comprising:

 establishing classification categories for a user and a variety of communications transmissions effected via a packet data network;

 establishing priority sequencing guidelines for the classification categories;

 receiving at least one communication transmission via the packet data network;

and

 assigning a classification category to the communications transmission.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

 storing the communications transmissions according to the classification category assigned thereto.
3. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

 selecting one of the stored communications transmissions for presentation to a user.
4. (Original) The method of claim 3, further comprising:

 presenting the selected communications transmission to the user.

5. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
generating a signal to alert a user of the receipt of a communication.
6. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
generating a separate signal for each classification category or user defined
amalgamation of classification categories to alert a user of the receipt of a
communication belonging to each said category or belonging to the user defined
amalgamation of various classification categories.
7. (Currently Amended) A method, comprising:
transmitting over a packet data network, from a first communications processing
device to a second communications processing device, information indicative of
communications monitoring and control functions desired by a user of the first
communication processing device, the first communications processing device being
located separately from any of at least two nodes of the packet data network;
arranging for a packetized communications session between the at least two nodes
of the packet data network, said arrangement being accomplished through the second
communications processing device;
establishing classification categories for a user and communications
transmissions;
establishing priority sequencing guidelines for the classification categories;
causing the packetized communication session to occur;

determining into which classification category the communications transmission goes; and

reporting information via the packet data network indicative of the session to the first communications processing device from the second communications processing device.

8. (Original) The method of claim 7, further comprising storing the communications transmission according to the classification category assigned thereto.
9. (Original) The method of claim 7, further comprising selecting one of the stored communications transmissions for presentation to a user.
10. (Original) The method of claim 9, further comprising presenting the selected communications transmission to the user.
11. (Original) The method of claim 6, further comprising generating a signal to alert a user of the receipt of a communication.
12. (Original) The method of claim 6, further comprising:
generating a separate signal for each classification category or user defined amalgamation of classification categories to alert a user of the receipt of a communication belonging to each classification category or belonging to the each user defined amalgamation of various classification categories.

13. (Currently Amended) An article comprising a computer readable medium having instructions

stored thereon which when executed causes:

establishing classification categories for a user and a variety of communications transmissions effected via a packet data network;

establishing priority sequencing guidelines for the classification categories;

receiving at least one communication transmission via the packet data network;

and

assigning a classification category to the communications transmission.

14. (Original) An article according to claim 13, which when executed further causes:
storing the communications transmissions according to the classification category assigned thereto.

15. (Original) An article to claim 13, which when executed further causes:
selecting one of the stored communications transmissions for presentation to a user; and

presenting the selected communications transmission to the user.

16. (Original) An article according to claim 13, which when executed further causes:
generating a signal to alert a user of the receipt of a communication.

17. (Currently Amended) An article comprising a computer readable medium having instructions stored thereon which when executed causes:
- transmitting over a packet data network, from a first communications processing device to a second communications processing device, information indicative of communications monitoring and control functions desired by a user of the first communication processing device, the first communications processing device being located separately from any of at least two nodes of the packet data network;
 - arranging for a packetized communications session between the at least two nodes of the packet data network, said arrangement being accomplished through the second communications processing device;
 - establishing classification categories for a user and communications transmissions;
 - establishing priority sequencing guidelines for the classification categories;
 - causing the packetized communication session to occur;
 - determining into which classification category the communications transmission goes; and
 - reporting information via the packet data network indicative of the session to the first communications processing device from the second communications processing device.

18. (Original) An article according to claim 17, which when executed additionally causes:

storing the communications transmission according to the classification category assigned thereto.

19. (Original) An article according to claim 18, which when executed additionally causes:

selecting one of the stored communications transmissions for presentation to a user; and

presenting the selected communications transmission to the user.

20. (Original) An article according to claim 18, which when executed additionally causes:

generating a signal to alert a user of the receipt of a communication.

21. (Original) An article according to claim 18, which when executed additionally causes:

generating a separate signal for each classification category, or user defined amalgamation of classification categories, to alert a user of the receipt of a communication belonging to each classification category, or belonging to the each user defined amalgamation of various classification categories.